# Happenings On the Hill

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# Lesser Things By Pastor Mike Snyder

(Read Genesis 25:29-34 and Hebrews 12:16-17)

The texts that you just read put me in mind of an experience I once had with a sandwich. Many of you know that I never learned to cook. I can't bake a potato or fry chicken or barbeque ribs. But I can make sandwiches. One of my specialties is a peanut butter and strawberry and pickles sandwich. Now, don't shake your heads until you've tried it! It has a flavor all its own.

I don't think it's bragging when I tell you that I once made the perfect peanut butter and strawberry and pickles sandwich. The bread was fresh. The peanut butter was spread just right. The pickles were perfectly spaced out

on the strawberry jam. And I was just about ready to take that first bite (The first bite of a sandwich is always the best bite!) when I heard the inner voice of God. He said. "Leave it there! I don't want you to eat that sandwich." And it seemed odd to me that God would tell me not to eat my peanut butter and strawberry and pickles sandwich. After all, what could possibly be wrong with eating a sandwich? Upon further consideration I later realized that God was trying to teach me that He sometimes calls us to give up things aren't necessarily sinful in order to gain something much more valuable.

There's nothing sinful about a peanut butter and

strawberry and pickles sandwich! (Although some of you may disagree with me on that point.) But neither is there something sinful about a bowl of lentil stew! The problem with lentil stew isn't that it's sinful. The problem with lentil stew is that it's less! In preferring a lesser thing Esau relaxed his grip on something much better.

As we move toward the high calling of God, we must constantly follow the hymn writer's advice to "have done with

lesser things."



# SCHOOL SUPPLY

HELPING STUDENTS IN NEED OF SUCCESS BY A SIMPLE ACT OF PROVIDING SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Our goal is to help 80 Bend Gate students!

#### COLLECTION DATES: JULY 21st -

August 4th

#### **DROP-OFF LOCATION**

Donations can be placed in offering plate OR given to the front office.

#### WHAT WE NEED

 \$25 will supply a Bend Gate Student with a backpack filled with school supplies. All doantions are welcomed!
 Checks can be made payable to Chapel Hill Memo BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR DONATION!

## **Back to School Supply Drive**

The Events Team (AKA Evangelism Team) is putting a "Back to School Supply Drive" together. This is the 3rd year we have partnered with Bend Gate Elementary School and other area schools to supply children with much needed school supplies. Due to unforeseen circumstances the Events Team was unable to hold their annual Filipino Dinner Fundraiser this past summer. \$25 will supply a student with a backpack filled with school supplies. All donations are welcome! Checks can be made payable to Chapel Hill memo Back To School Backpacks. So if you can sponsor a backpack for \$25, we deeply appreciate it.

## **Owensboro District News**

## L.A.C.E. Advanced Spiritual Gifts Class

Owensboro L.A.C.E. team in cooperation with the Kentucky Annual Conference will be offering an Advanced Course in Spiritual Gifts. This course is open to everyone, especially those that are in the L.A.C.E. program on one of the various tracks...or who need to complete a required refresher course. This class will dive deeper into the Spiritual Gifts Assessment, which was taken during a basic introduction course. All participants are asked to bring a copy of the results of their latest spiritual gift inventories if you still have your copy. There will be a suggested donation of \$15/person for the lunch, light breakfast/snacks.

When: Saturday, August 10th, 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.
 Where: Mary Kendall Campus of Kentucky
 United Methodist Children's Homes
 201 Phillips Court
 Owensboro, KY 42303

Please register with the below link. <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lace-advanced-</u> <u>spiritual-gifts-class-tickets-66565646641</u>

## **Camp Loucon Homecoming**

Camp Loucon will have their Homecoming on Saturday, August 10th from 10:00am. -5:00pm.

Settle Memorial has two buses reserved for those going and they have room for more members from other churches. If you have any questions or would like a ride, please contact Settle Memorial at 270-684-4226.



## **Blood Drive Aug. 17th**

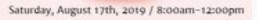
Only 3 out of 100 Americans donate blood and that's not enough. When A, B, and O blood types are missing from hospital shelves, patients cannot receive the lifesaving care they need.

Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component. With a Power Red donation, you give a concentrated dose of red blood cells. You can maximize your impact with one donation and help more patients. A Power Red donation is ideal for O-, O+, B-, and A– donors.

During a Power Red donation, you give a concentrated dose of red cells, the part of your blood used every day for those needing transfusions as part of their care. This type of donation uses an automated process that separates your red blood cells from the other blood components, then safely and comfortably returns your plasma and platelets to you.

Go to redcrossblood.org and enter Chapel Hill UMC to register today or call the church office for more assistance.

> DONATE BLOOD



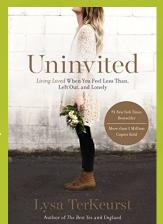
#### **DRIVE TEAM MINISTRY**

The Drive Team is looking for drivers to help those in our community attend their doctor appointments. Contact the church office or Stan Glenn at 270-823-2479 for more information.

JULY 2019 DRIVING MINISTRY	
Number of Transports	18
Miles Driven	658
Volunteer Hours	39

## <u>New Small Group!</u> Led by Stacey Singer "Uninvited" by Lysa Terkeurst

The enemy wants us to feel rejected left out, lonely, and less than. When we allow him to speak lies through our rejection, he pickpockets our purpose. Cripples our courage. Dismantles our dreams. And blinds us to the beauty of Christ's powerful love.



In *Uninvited*, Lysa shares her own deeply personal experiences

with rejection—from the incredibly painful childhood abandonment by her father to the perceived judgment of the perfectly toned woman one elliptical over.

With biblical depth, gut-honest vulnerability, and refreshing wit, Lysa helps readers:

- Release the desire to fall apart or control the actions of others by embracing God-honoring ways to process their hurt.
- Know exactly what to pray for the next ten days to steady their soul and restore their confidence.
- Overcome the two core fears that feed our insecurities by understanding the secret of belonging.
- Stop feeling left out and start believing that "set apart" does not mean "set aside."

End the cycle of perceived rejection by refusing to turn a small incident into a full blown issue.

#### Starting August 21st at 6:00 p.m. in room 109.

### **BUILDING FUND BALANCE**

\$580,707.41

#### **ONLINE DONATIONS**



Be sure to create your profile so it will save your credit/debit plus checking/ savings account info.

## **United Methodist Mountain Mission Pick-Up Date August 19th**

#### THE MISSION'S PURPOSE AND BEGINNING

Almost 70 years ago a vision of God was planted in the mind of a young minister, Rev. John Lewis, for a mission among the mountain people of Eastern Kentucky. In 1943 this vision was realized and had its beginning under the leadership of Rev. Lewis. He was a pastor in the Methodist Church in Jackson, Kentucky at the time, Rev. Lewis had served two charges in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky during the previous 10 years. He could see the need of the people. He had observed the work of Save the Children Federation stores in the area and felt that people of the Methodist churches throughout Kentucky could serve their own people's needs in a similar way. This vision of ministry given to Rev. Lewis had among its purposes to:

- Make available to the people of the area good usable clothing and household items, moderately priced, which the residents of the area can affordably obtain. The philosophy of the Mission has been that it is better to charge a moderate price than to give the items away, as sometimes a gift of such is demeaning. Being able to pay a small price for the merchandise reflects pride of ownership. The income received from the sale of the used clothing and other goods is used to support the mission, pay the wages of the employees, and supplement the salaries of the ministers in the two parish churches.
- Provide a source of employment for the people of the area.
- Be involved in the spiritual growth of the people in the community through the financial support of two

local United Methodist churches. Currently, the two churches under the Mission are Hampton and Wolverine, both located in Breathitt County.

Now, almost 70 years later, those same purposes have been successfully realized and still are being done so today. God made it possible; the people of God took up the cross and have followed His calling.



<u>WHERE DO THE MATERIALS COME</u> <u>FROM?</u>

Over 900 churches located in Indiana. Kentucky, Illinois. Ohio. Pennsylvania Tennessee, and contributes to our materials and supplies from which the Mission's **OPPORTUNITY STORES operate.** Truck runs using the Mission's own trucks are made two or three times per year to each location. The Mission owns six trucks which are on the road at least 48 weeks of the year picking up the materials provided by the churches.

#### WHAT HAPPENS TO THE MATERIALS ?

All materials received must be sorted, processed, reviewed for usable content, packaged and prepared for distribution to the Mission's OPPORTUNITY STORES. The Mission uses strict guidelines in the preparation of materials for distribution to the stores. These guidelines do not allow soiled, torn, or damaged clothing or other unacceptable items to be put in the stores for sale. Just as pride of ownership comes through paying small amounts for the items sold, so is that same pride realized in quality of materials.

The materials received are sorted by seasons of the year, male or female, adult or children, and types of materials. The Mission is frugal in its use of the materials provided. If the materials are not usable for the stores, they are sold as rags. We wish we could make repairs to appliances and furniture; however, the work would be too costly, and we would be unable to recover the cost of the repairs. Consequently, furniture and small appliances are not repaired.

Distribution of all prepared materials is made to the Mission's stores using the same trucks that are used for pickups at the churches. Two drivers are on the road on a full-time basis. Others are used to relay loaded and empty trucks throughout the distribution areas and to our own stores.

#### THE MISSION PROVIDES EMPLOYMENT

Currently 70 employees are provided work through the Mission and the stores. Approximately 29 are provided employment within the Mission's processing/office center. Employment in the Jackson headquarters includes administrative staff, ministers for the two churches, as well as the processors and truck drivers in the plant. An additional 41 persons are employed in the OPPORTUNITY STORES. Currently, the Mission consists of eight OPPORTUNITY STORES located in Jackson, Barbourville, Irvine, Harlan, Hazard, Pineville, West Liberty and Burkesville, all in Kentucky.

## What Went Down...

- Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Gideon's ministry. Contributions collected totaled \$1,319.70!
- VBS this past month was a huge success!
  One night we had a total of 142 children!
  Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event so successful!
- On July 28th we had a special offering for the Back to School Supply Drive. We raised \$2600 and the donations are still coming in! That is enough to fill 104 backpacks!

## What's Coming Up...

- Aug. 5th—Staff Parish at 6:00 p.m.
- Aug. 13th—Lay Leadership Team at 6:00 p.m.
- Aug. 17th-Red Cross Blood Drive
- Aug. 19th—Mountain Mission Pick—Up
- Aug. 19th—Finance Team at 9:30 a.m.
- Aug. 20th—Administrative Council at 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 27th—Trustees at 6:00 p.m.

#### September

- Sept. 7th– Craft/Vendor Fair
- Sept. 14th—Evening of Celebration

## **Celebrate Recovery Receives A Grant**

The Ky ASAP (Kentucky Agency Substance Abuse Policy) voted to grant the Henderson Celebrate Recovery \$2500.00. The Henderson County Board of Education-Ky ASAP Local Board Agent will distribute this money to Celebrate Recovery. Celebrate Recovery will turn in receipts of money spent using the Henderson County School Standard Invoice and they will also report to the Board quarterly and periodically to speak about the program as conditions of the grant.

Celebrate Recovery is open to the community. They meet on Monday evenings at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall of Chapel Hill Church for a meal and fellowship. This time is followed by music, welcoming, inspirational talks and receiving of chips for goals that are met by attendees. Small Groups meet at 6:00 for adults, teens, children and nursery care is provided. Celebrate Recovery is very thankful for this grant and having this program open to the community.

Sandra Heppler Ministry Leader

## <u>Memorial Gifts</u> Made in Memory and In Honor

## IN MEMORY OF KIRK STOREY BY LANOVA COOK BY DANNY JULIE KINDER BY LARRY AND JEANNIE EASTERDAY BY MARTHA SHAFFER

IN MEMORY OF SEAN POWELL BY JAN BRATCHER

IN MEMORY OF MARILOU TAPP BY LANOVA COOK

### IN MEMORY OF KIRK STOREY IN MEMORY OF LINDA BRANTLEY

By Marsha Tutt By James & Alice Floyd By Randy & Marla Owens By Jill Meeks

IN MEMORY OF RYAN OWENS BY DANIEL & WHITEY SMITH

## CARDS AND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Rhonda Busby, a member of Chapel Hill, under went a bone marrow transplant earlier this week in Tennessee. She will be staying there for the next three months as she continues her treatments. Cards and words of encouragement can be sent to:

> Rhonda Busby Sarah Cannon Cancer Center 2400 Patterson Street Room 3311 Nashville, TN 37203

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**COME WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY** 8:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:00 a.m. New Traditions Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Office Hours 8:30- a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pastor Mike Snyder: mikesnyder@chchurch.org To receive the monthly newsletter or our One-Call, e-mail the church office at chchurch@chchurch.org facebook.com/groups/chchurch/

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